

service this year, and jobbers have been greatly inconvenienced by late arrival of goods.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The past week has been one of discouragement to holders. Weakness has gradually developed and support to prices has been withdrawn. The difference in value on the week is only about 1c per bushel, but the feeling generated is unfriendly towards wheat, and it is beginning to dawn on the minds of many in the trade, that in view of the accumulation of reserve stocks, and the fairly free supplies moving away, together with the generally favorable prospects for the crops of the coming year, present prices though moderate may not be sustained. It is not unlikely, however, that in a general way prices are now about rock bottom. Reserve stocks seem to be about the height of accumulation. The supplies from first-hand, while fairly large are not excessive, and a very little withholding of these supplies would turn the scale in favor of at least slightly higher prices. The American visible supply increased last week 1,439,000 bushels against 1,561,000 bushels the previous week, and 2,198,000 bushels same week last year, and it now aggregates 51,001,000 bushels, against 21,332,000 bushels a year ago. The world's shipments for last week were 6,901,000 bushels, against 7,011,000 previous week. The world's visible supply, according to Bradstreet's, increased only 700,000 bushels against 6,928,000 bushels previous week and 7,022,000 corresponding week a year ago. Exports from both coasts for this week are 3,622,677 bushels, against 4,411,506 bushels last week. Argentine shipments this week are 712,000 bushels against 1,004,000 last week, and nil for same week last year. In regard to crops, every wheat country sends favorable reports except India. The latest reports from Argentina and Australia give glowing accounts of the prospects for the crops in these countries, and as harvest will be begun in them both next month, the result seems practically assured, so that it is expected a larger quantity will be available for export than even was produced by their big crops of last season. The new winter wheat crops in America and Europe are all doing well in a general way. India alone has a poor promise, for there has not been enough of rain in any of the wheat districts of that country, to facilitate the seeding of the crop, and there is no probability now that India can have a crop of any consequence in the season of 1900.

The record of the local market during the week is one of dullness and lack of demand. The close of lake navigation is not far off, and export business is so uninviting owing to difficulty of making any profit at it, that shippers are very slow and cautious in buying. Lake freight is also advancing or rather vessel owners are so indifferent about making late trips this season, that shippers find great difficulty in chartering vessels, consequently the supply of wheat available to load vessels already engaged is ample, and demand is thereby dulled. Holders of wheat are not pressing it for sale, evidently not realizing the almost certain drop there will be in Fort William prices at close of navigation, for the difference between lake freight and all rail freight will not be less than 4c per bushel, and this will come off the price of the wheat, unless outside markets ad-

vance and make up the difference. There has been nothing special regarding the prices paid for Manitoba wheat during the week. The highest price paid was on Wednesday, when a little 1 hard spot, Fort William was sold at 67 3/4c, when the markets were at their highest. The price only lasted a few minutes, and in the afternoon of that day 67 1/4c was all that the same wheat would fetch. The lowest price was reached yesterday, when 66 1/2c were the best for 1 hard in store, Fort William spot or November delivery, but buyers were scarce even at that. No. 2 hard and 1 northern sold at 21-2c to 3c under 1 hard, and 3 hard at 6c under 1 hard. No. 1 frosted we quote at 50c, and 2 frosted 50c. Rejected, 1 hard, 61 1/2c gross outturn, 6 1/4c scoured.

FLOUR—Prices as follows: Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.90; Glenora, \$1.70; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.50; XXXA, \$1.15; Lake of the Woods patent, \$1.90; Strong Bakers, \$1.70; Medora, \$1.50; XXXA, \$1.30 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.

MILLED—Ogilvie bran is worth \$11.50 per ton, and shorts \$13.50 net; Lake of the Woods bran, sacked, \$12, and shorts, sacked, \$14 per ton.

GRAIN FEED—Quoted now as follows: Oat chop, \$20 per ton for best. Mixed feed of barley and oats \$18 per ton; barley chop, \$16 per ton. Oil cake \$27 per ton.

OATS—Deliveries continue light owing to poor roads. We quote milling oats worth 26 to 27c per bushel in carlots at Winnipeg, feed grades 25 to 26c per bushel, and street oats 25 to 26c per bushel. At country points 18 to 20c per bushel is being bid for carlots.

BARLEY—Deliveries light. Milling grades are worth 32c per bushel on track. Feed grades 25 to 26c per bushel. The mild weather and poor roads is seriously interfering with business in all coarse grain and dealers report the week's business very light.

CORN—Worth 41 to 42c per bushel on track. In good demand.

WHEAT—50 to 55c per bushel is being paid for farmers' loads at country points according to freight rate and quality. The movement of wheat from farmers has improved somewhat in the past few days.

FLAX-SEED—Buyers are quoting \$1.20 per bushel at country points to farmers.

HAY—The demand for hay is improving. We quote: Car lots, baled, on track, \$3.50 to \$6.00 per ton, loose hay on the street, \$5 to \$6 per ton.

OATMEAL—Per sack of 80 pounds, \$1.70 net. The market has been regular owing to competition of United States meal, but the ruling quotation has been \$1.70 to retail dealers. In carlots prices are of course lower.

CREAMERY BUTTER—Creameries all closed. Dealers will pay 21c for choice goods.

DAIRY BUTTER—Quantities of head goods and second grades continue to offer, but these are not much sought for. Finest dairy in bricks is worth 20c and choice fresh in tubs, 17 to 18c per lb. here. Round lots are worth 15c to 16c, second grades, 11 to 13c per lb. The market is a little easier owing to more liberal receipts.

CHEESE—Dealers will pay 11 1/2c for choice of Manitoba make.

EGGS—Receipts are light. Dealers are buying on a basis of 18c delivered

at Winnipeg. Strictly fresh eggs would bring 20c per dozen.

VEGETABLES—Bad roads are making deliveries light. We quote: Potatoes, farmers' loads 40c per bush. Carrots 27c at country points; carrots, 35 to 40c per bushel; turnips, 20 to 25c per bushel; beets, 30c per bushel; parsnips, 11-1 to 11-2c per lb, pumpkins, 11-1c per lb; dry onions, 75c to \$1 per bushel; cabbage, 3-4 to 1c per lb; celery, 30c per dozen bunches; squash, 1c per pound for ordinary 1 1/2c for Hubbard; marrow, 40 to 50c per dozen; green house lettuce, 37 to 40c per dozen bunches, green house parsley, 25c per dozen bunches.

HIDES—Prices have firmed up this week and we quote 1-1c advance. Offerings are light, butchers being unable to kill winter stocks of meat owing to mild weather. We quote prices as follows: No. 1, 7 3/4c; No. 2, 6 3/4c; No. 3, 5 3/4c, branded hide grade No. 2 and bulls, No. 3; kip, 7c; calf, 8 to 8 1/2c; oak skin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheep skins, fresh killed, 50c each; country sheep 40c; lambs 25c to 30c each; horsehides, 50c to 75c each.

WOOL—Unwashed Manitoba fleece is worth 7 to 8c per pound. None offering.

SENECA—37c per pound. A few lots still coming in.

DRESSED MEATS—The continued mild weather has seriously affected the market for dressed meats. Butchers who have killed their winter supplies are finding great difficulty keeping the meat in shape and there are reports of some lots being spoiled on this account. Meat to keep properly should be quickly and thoroughly frozen. Some cars of Ontario dressed hog, have arrived, but these too are a little soft. Prices are becoming easier for beef and pork. The latter can be laid down from Ontario at considerably less than is being paid for Manitoba stock. As high as 6 1/2c is being paid for choice weight Manitoba hogs, while Ontario stocks cost less than 6c laid down here. We quote: Beef, 5 to 6c per lb; mutton, 5 to 9c per lb; lamb, 9 to 10c; veal, 7 to 8c; hogs, 6 to 6 1/2c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Like other lines of meat and produce, dressed poultry is being affected by the weather. Receipts have improved this week. Turkeys, if they are choice, will bring 12c per pound, and range from 11 to 12c. Geese, ducks and chickens are worth 9c per pound if choice. The market is somewhat glutted with soft stock.

TALLOW—There is an active demand for tallow and prices are higher at 4 to 4 1/2c for No. 1 and 3, to 3 1/2c for No. 2. One lot has been shipped east but high local prices render such shipments unnecessary.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—The export movement is about over for the season. Results as far as shipments are concerned have been very good as we will show when final reports are obtainable. Good to choice steers, butchers, 31-2c per pound off cars here; exporters, 31-4 to 31-2c at point of shipment; common cattle, 21-2 to 3c; stockers, yearlings, \$15 to \$20.

SHEEP—We quote 1c per pound for choice grades of sheep and 4 to 5c for lambs.

HOGS—Buyers are quoting 4 3/4c per pound for choice weights, and 4 1/2c for seconds. Some cars of Ontario hogs have been received this week at the abattoir.